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1. ON ASSUMPTION THAT RECOMMENDATION CONTAINED PARA 3 REF A ACCEPTED BY DEPARTMENT, WE BELIEVE THAT RESPONSE TO DEMARCHES MADE IN DEPARTMENT JULY 3 (REF B) AND ATHENS JULY 5 (REF C) SHOULD BE MADE IN WRITTEN FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE WOULD PREFER TO RESPOND TO FONOFF IN ATHENS, AMONG OTHER REASONS BECAUSE OF APPARENT UNFAMILIARITY OF PANAYOTACOS WITH VARIOUS ELEMENTS OF SITUATION.

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2. REF E SUPPORTS OUR BELIEF (ARA 4, REF C) THAT THERE NO

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BASIS FOR HAF ASSUMPTION THAT U.S. NAVY GRANT SUPPORT FOR A-7 OR T-2 AIRCRAFT IMPLIED OR SUGGESTED IN ANY WAY. IT SEEMS, THEN, THAT GOG REQUEST FOR GRANT SUPPORT IS BASED ON DELIBERATE MISINTERPRETATION, DESIGNED TO EXTRACT MAXIMUM POSSIBLE SECURITY ASSISTANCE OUT OF USG'S WISH TO MOVE AHEAD IN CURRENT BASE RIGHTS NEGOTIATIONS. IT FOLLOWS THAT GREEK SELF DELUSIONS MUST BE EXPOSED AS SUCH LEST WE CONTINUE TO BE SUBJECTED TO UN-REALISTIC PLOYS AND CONSEQUENT FURTHER DELAYS IN BASE RIGHTS NEGOTIATIONS.

3. WE SUGGEST THAT WE BE AUTHORIZED, FOLLOWING DELIVERY OF PENDING CHJUSMAGG LETTER, TO DISCUSS SPECIFIC ISSUE IN QUESTION AND PROVIDE AIDE MEMOIRE IN RESPONSE TO LATEST GOG DEMARCHES ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

- THE GENERAL ISSUE OF THE MATERIAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE HELLENIC ARMED FORCES, WHICH DURING RECENT MONTHS HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT THROUGH COMMUNICATIONS TO JUSMAGG, THE EMBASSY, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, HAS BEEN ADDRESSED QUITE RECENTLY IN A LETTER FROM CHIEF JUSMAGG TO THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE HELLENIC ARMED FORCES.

" THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT SHARES THE CONCERN OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GREECE THAT THE A-7 AND T-2 AIRCRAFT, FOR WHICH THE HELLENIC AIR FORCE SIGNED LETTERS OF OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE ON JUNE 14, 1974, BE PROPERLY SUPPORTED. IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT THE NEEDED SUPPORT IS PROVIDED ON A TIMELY AND CONTINUOUS BASIS, PROVISION WAS MADE IN THE LETTERS OF OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE FOR A SUPPLY OF SPARE PARTS AND FOR HELLENIC AIR FORCE EXECUTION OF COOPERATIVE LOGISTICS SUPPORT ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE U.S. NAVY AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE ASSOCIATED FOREIGN MILITARY SALES ORDER - 1 (FMSO-1) LETTERS OF OFFER.

" IN VIEW OF THE DECISION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GREECE TO FORGO FURTHER GRANT MILITARY ASSISTANCE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1973, THE STATUTORY LIMITATION ESTABLISHED BY THE 'HAYES AMENDMENT' ON THE LEVEL OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE OF ALL KINDS WHICH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT MIGHT MAKE AVAILABLE TO GREECE, AND THE UNDER-TAKING OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO SUPPORT THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED AIRCRAFT PURCHASE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE MAXIMUM CONFIDENTIAL

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OBTAINABLE CREDIT SUMS, IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO PROVIDE SECURITY ASSISTANCE IN ANY FORM WHICH MIGHT EXCEED THE STATUTORILY IMPOSED MAXIMUM LEVEL. THUS, THE UNITED STATES NAVY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE TO THE HELLENIC AIR FORCE GRANT SUPPLY SUPPORT FOR THE A-7 AND T-2 AIRCRAFT."
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